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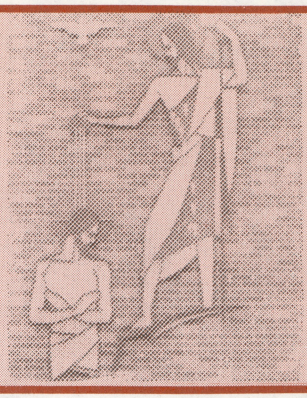

Open wide the doors for Christ!

To the People of God of the Diocese of Lansing,

My sisters and brothers in Christ:

St. Luke tells us that when the Lord Jesus sent His apostles out on mission He gave them a two-fold assignment - to proclaim the reign of God and to heal affliction (Luke 9:2).

This has been the business of the Church ever since, a mission with its goal in the next world but with a great concern for life in this world too.

Catholic missionaries on every continent and on the islands of the seas are your agents and mine in carrying out Christ's command to His followers. They do this in mission chapels and schools, in hospitals and clinics. They are preaching and teaching, healing and helping those who have not yet heard the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ and who are often also the victims of disease, ignorance and poverty.

Mission Sunday, October 21, is our annual opportunity to help our missionaries do this work by our money offerings.

We are living in a time of "wage guidelines" and "price guidelines," and there are two guidelines for our offerings for God's work in the missions. In the measure of our appreciation of our faith, and in proportion to the

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Now and Then ...

by Fr. Doepker

Needham Hall Saga (Cont'd)

As many of you probably noted in the October 4 Ypsilanti Press, after our request for permission to demolish Needham Hall was denied by the city, Bishop Povish, on behalf of the parish, filed a lawsuit against the city of Ypsilanti and the Historic District Commission in an attempt to reverse that decision.

At a special meeting on Tuesday, October 9, the Commission reconsidered our application and decided to grant us permission to demolish with reservation.

This action means that we can remove the building but not for six months, during which time we will once more investigate possible alternative uses for the building. However, after that time, if we still consider demolition to be our most reasonable course of action, we can proceed.

We would have preferred to take immediate action, since further delay will increase demolition costs. However, this compromise will avoid a possibly prolonged legal action for which neither we nor the city were eager.

Our thanks to the Historic District Commission for their reconsideration; to our attorney, John J. Murphy, for his efforts on our behalf; and to Bishop Povish for his support.

Bingo Workers Needed

Our weekly bingo is a source of important revenue for our parish. All income is used to help alleviate our rather substantial parish debt.

However, this service cannot continue without the man and woman power to operate it. This

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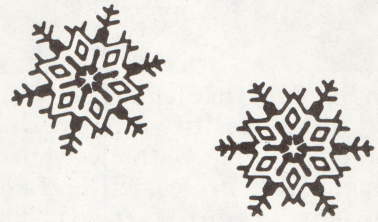


Holiday Fantasy

There are only four weeks left until we experience "bazaar days" - November 10-11. We are sure everyone is looking forward to doing some holiday shopping on those days.

On the time and talent offering, many of you indicated a desire to contribute to the bazaar. We thank you. We are trying to contact each of you by telephone. If, for some reason you did not receive a call, please call one of the chairmen. They will be happy to hear from you.

Raffle tickets went on sale this weekend. They will be sold following Masses until raffle time - Saturday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. Buy your tickets now. You will not want to miss an opportunity to win one of the prizes.

The chairmen for this 1979 Holiday Fantasy are Dolores Ossenheimer (482-7517) and Joanne Hume (483-2382).

St. John's Bingo
Wednesdays
Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

Welcome, Wendy and Katie

On Sunday, October 7, 1979 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, two women were received into the Catholic Church through their Profession of Faith and the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Doepker.

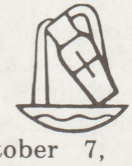
Kattie Williams and Winifred (Wendy) Azrak, pictured above between their sponsors, completed a course of instructions this summer in preparation for their reception into the Church.

Wendy is the daughter of Paul G. and Mary (Harder) Eliason. Her sponsor for Confirmation was her husband of one month, George Z. Azrak.

Katie is the daughter of John and Allie (Fowler) Williams. A close friend, Norma Reed, acted as her sponsor.

Welcome to the Catholic Church and to St. John's Parish, Kattie and Wendy. May the Lord continue to be faithful and gracious to you.

New Life in Christ



On Sunday, October 7, 1979 Kathryn Johanna Melcher received the new life of the Lord through the Sacrament of Baptism administered by Fr. Doepker.

Kathryn is the daughter of Joseph and Carol (Dorr) Melcher, 1744 S. Grove. Her sponsors in the faith were her aunt and uncle, Paul and Sue Melcher.

Welcome, Kathryn Johanna and congratulations, parents and godparents! May the Lord keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts.

Intercessory Prayer

O God, our creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality.

Lord, you never turned your back on us. You are always near to help your people. We pray for the unity of families. For the father who does not take headship over his God given family; the father who puts his work ahead of his wife and family; a father who fails to love and protect his wife, God's gift to him; a father who does not correct his children; a father who does not have order in his home. We pray for such family fathers. May they come to you in seeking your love and wisdom to unite their families and lead them to your kingdom.

We pray for mothers, sons and daughters. Lord, your love and mercy unites families. Pour your mercy upon broken homes and bad relationships. Bind husbands, wives, sons and daughters together. Make them strong families. For what God joins no man can divide.

Lord, this week we pray for the troubled homes. We pray for family unity and the right to life, the right to joy and happiness through your son, Jesus. For to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God. Jesus, we are your children. Help us Lord, help us.

Let the righteous rejoice in the Lord and take refuge in him. Let all the upright in heart glory. And may his grace and peace be upon all of us to unite us as one family to love him and serve him now and forever.

Praise the Lord
David Rocha

Wedding Banns

III Richard Sims & Denise Rolfe
III James Martin & Ellen Govan
II Richard Hendricks & Deborah Donahue
I William Hidenfelter & Sharon Boprie

A Helpful Suggestion

S. Marilyn

Many of you have asked me where you can get a copy of the song, Be Not Afraid which we have been using at our Liturgies during the past few weeks. It comes from the album/tape **Earthen Vessels**, North American Liturgy Resources (Publisher), 2110 West Peoria Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85029.

Locally you can order either the record or the tape from
Logos Book Store
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1-962-8744.

Come and See

The St. Vincent de Paul Executive Committee is hosting a "Come and See Gathering" on Monday, October 15th at 7:30 p.m. in Harvey Hall. This meeting is a chance to come and find out what it is that St. Vincent de Paul Society does do. We encourage all those who signed the Time and Talent Survey for the food cupboard, Flea Market, 5th Sunday breakfasts, Activities Group, Hospital/Home Visiting and Emergency Services to attend. The gathering is also open to all other Parishioners who would like to learn more about the many services that the St. Vincent de Paul Society provides.

Important Meeting for Eighth Grade Parents

A preview of the religious education program will be held for all parents of eighth grade students on Tuesday, October 23rd, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Religious Education Center. The parish youth minister will explain the program of catechesis, activities, retreat and worship. The eighth grade catechists will be on hand to meet with the parents. This meeting is especially important since we will discuss the eighth grade visit to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church for their Vespers and Divine Liturgy on Thursday, October 25th, from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Important Meeting for Seventh Grade Parents

A preview of the religious education program will be held for all parents of seventh grade students on Tuesday evening, October 16th from 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the Religious Education Center. The parish youth minister will explain the program of catechesis, activities, retreat and worship. The seventh grade catechists will be on hand to meet with parents. Parents are reminded that there will be no class for the students themselves this week.

Just a Reminder

We would encourage you to use the Education envelope in your monthly packet. The money is used for the religious education of our parish children, be it CCD or Catholic School. The regular use of these envelopes helps to plan for these children's religious education. Remember that these envelopes are in addition to your regular offertory collection. Thank you.

Lector Workshop

For the past two weeks we have presented two sessions for the training of Lectors in our parish. The topics of Church and the Old Testament were discussed in detail at this time. The training series is continuing for three more sessions:

Monday, October 15 - The Liturgy of the Word

Monday, October 29 - The New Testament

Monday, November 5 - "How To"

These sessions are essential for Lector Training and your presence is strongly urged and recommended. If you have any questions or conflicts please call me, Sister Marilyn at 483-3360 or Penny Hines at 485-3112.

Eucharistic Minister Workshop

This Saturday, October 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Religious Education Center Library a serious and informative workshop for all Eucharistic Ministers is being held. Sister Charlotte Hoefer will be conducting this session in conjunction with Bob Peper and me. Since this is the only session provided to date for Eucharistic Ministers we ask that all who signed Time and Talent please attend. Reminder: Bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Registration or Address Change

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

Phone_____

☐ Wish to register
☐ Moving from Parish
☐ Change of Address

Fun and Fellowship for Adults

At the bonfire last month those present voted to have a Halloween Costume Party. It will be held in the Activity Center on Saturday, October 27th at 8:00 p.m. Our hosts and hostesses for that evening will be Rachel and Tony Vespoli and Lynn and Tony Comazzi.

Recognition will be awarded in several categories for costumes. Games and music to dance by is also planned. Please bring your own drinks and a snack to pass. Admission is free.

This party is open to all adults interested in having a really good time. Please do not feel you are too "old" or too "young" to come. Those interested in coming please call one of the persons listed below:

Rachel Vespoli 485-3416
Lynne Comazzi..... 434-3036
Carol Becker 971-2507
Candy Reaume 482-1625

Diocesan Rosary Celebration

Today, October 14, is the Diocesan Rosary Celebration. Please join Bishop Povish at St. Paul's Church, 714 W. Main Street, Owosso. Afternoon begins at 3:00 p.m. with Scriptural Rosary, Bishop's Message, and International Marian Songs from Diocesan Ethnic Groups. Refreshments will also be served. Please come to Owosso.

Open Wide the Doors . .

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Lord's material gifts to us, let us bring our gifts on Mission Sunday for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Kenneth J. Povish

Kenneth J. Povish
Bishop of Lansing

Workshops & Seminars

Turner Geriatric Clinic ... workshop on arthritis - the symptoms, care and rehabilitation from its effects. Held at the Geriatric Clinic, 1010 Wall St., Ann Arbor, Thursday, October 18th, 1:00-3:30 p.m. There will be a speaker, and physical and occupational therapists. For information, call 764-8631.

On Becoming the Third Generation: Parents and Their Adult Children, sponsored by Child and Family Services. For adult children of older adults to learn and understand emotional, social, physiological changes in connection with the aging process. Emphasis will be on sharing concerns, solving problems, and developing understanding of participants' own feelings in regard to parents' aging. Eight weeks. Contact Beth Bradley, 971-6520 or 483-1418. Program begins October 15.

Now and Then

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year, only two new people signed up on the Time and Talent Survey as bingo workers. In addition, four old workers have moved or have had to withdraw their assistance.

Please consider signing up for one or more Wednesday evenings a month so that our bingo can continue to operate efficiently. Call Rita Sprague (483-3600) or Natalie Bowyer (482-4742) to volunteer.

Sister Carol Has Moved

Her new address is:
Sister Carol Denise Koenig
5746 West 79th St., #1 West
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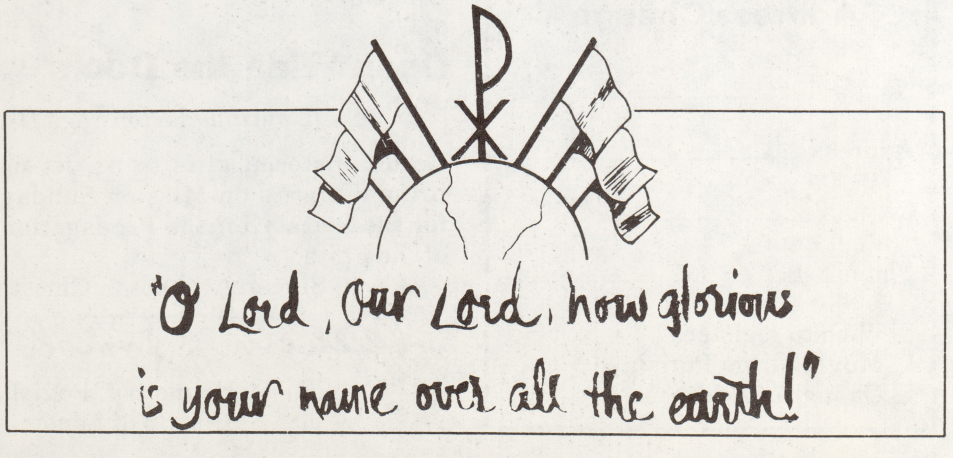

Invitations

• Harvest Bazaar ... sponsored by St. Thomas Altar Society in Ann Arbor, Sunday, October 21, Parish Hall, 9:00 - 6:00 p.m. Ham dinner will be served from 12 noon - 5:00 p.m. Come and visit us.

• Brotherhood Weekend ... November 2nd-4th, Queen of Angels Retreat Center, Saginaw, Michigan. A weekend for young men (high school seniors or older) interested in life and ministry in the Church as Capuchin - Franciscans - beginning Friday evening and concluding by Sunday noon. For further information contact: Brother Wayne Sigelko, Capughin; 1820 Mt. Elliott Avenue, Detroit, MI 48207 or call (313) 579-2100.

• Ann Arbor Divorced Catholics next meeting will be Friday, October 12 at St. Francis Church. A family service lawyer will speak about the legal side of divorce, and will be glad to answer any questions.

• St. Francis P.T.G. is holding its 3rd Annual Luncheon Fashion Show Benefit at Travis Pointe Country Club, 2829 Travis Point Road, Ann Arbor on October 16. Cocktails 11:00 a.m. Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Tickets $12.00. Proceeds go to benefit the playground equipment fund. For tickets call 971-8732 or 662-0659.

Worth Noting

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 14th
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Baby-sitting
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts, Harvey Hall
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Raffle Tickets on Sale after Mass, church lobby
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Faith Inquiry for Teens, Center Library
11:00 a.m. Preschool Religious Instruction

Monday, October 15th
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Center Room 10 & 11
7:30 p.m. Lector Workshop III, Activities Center
7:30 p.m. Baby-sitting for Lector Workshop
7:30 p.m. Come & See Gathering, Harvey Hall

Tuesday, October 16th
Bulletin goes to press a.m.
11:00 a.m. Team Liturgy Planning
4:00 - 5:15 p.m. Grade 1-6 Religious Instruction
7:00 - 8:15 p.m. Parents of 7th Grade Students, Activity Center
7:00 p.m. Marian Devotions (Rosary & Novena), Church
7:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning, Rectory
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Catechumenate, Center Library

Wednesday, October 17th
4:30 - 5:45 p.m. Grade 1-6 Religious Instruction
6:30 p.m. Bingo, Harvey Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Loft

Thursday, October 18th
1:00 p.m. Team Meeting, Rectory
7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Committee Meeting, Center Library

Saturday, October 20th
10:00 - 3:30 p.m. Eucharistic Minister Workshop, Center Library
10:00 a.m. Handbell Practice, Choir Loft
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Confessions heard

Mass Schedule

Monday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Avila, virgin-doctor
7:00 a.m. George Lund, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Hal Wilson

Tuesday, October 16 - Weekday/St. Hedwig/St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
7:00 a.m. Virginia Hughes (Mo. Anniv.), req. by Catherine Hughes

Wednesday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop-martyr
7:00 a.m. Joseph Vigo, req. by Rosemary Vigo

Thursday, October 18 - St. Luke, evangelist
7:00 a.m. Benura Deyoub, req. by Sara Deyoub

Friday, October 19 - North American Martyrs
7:00 a.m. John L. O'Connor (Mo. Anniv.), req. by Gertrude Murray
8:00 p.m. (Wedding) Richard Sims and Denise Rolfe

Saturday, October 20 - Weekday
9:00 a.m. George Lund, req. by Michael McCarthy
5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Chevalier, req. by the Chevalier Family
6:30 p.m. (Wedding) James Martin and Ellen Govan

Sunday, October 21 - Twenty-ninth Sunday of Year
7:00 a.m. People of Parish
9:00 a.m. James E. Miller, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Doepker
11:00 a.m. Felix Barnett, req. by Bill & Ann McCarthy
12:30 p.m. Special Intention

Financial Barometer

Sunday, October 7, 1979
Offertory Collection..... $3,711.40
Communications/Catholic University (addt'l)..... 11.00

Readings for October 14-21

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11, Heb 4:12-13, Mk 10:17-30
Monday: Rom 1:1-7, Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25, Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Phil 3:17; 4:1, Jn 12:24-26
Thursday: 2 Tm 4:9-17, Lk 10:1-9
Friday: Rom 4:1-8, Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13; 16-18, Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 53:10-11, Heb 4:14-16, Mk 10:35-45

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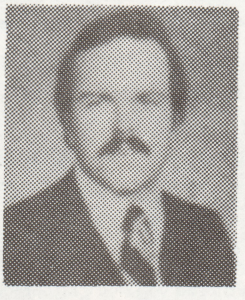

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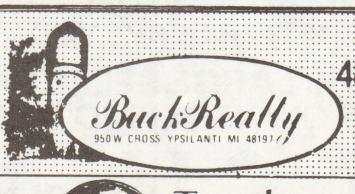

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